PROCLAMATION

AL SUGIYAMA DAY

- WHEREAS, Alan "Al" Sugiyama co-founded the Asian Family Affair newspaper in 1972 and promoted Asian American history throughout the 70's. His work helped to end misrepresentation of Asian Americans in the media; and
- WHEREAS, in 1979, Mr. Sugiyama established the Center for Career Alternatives (CCA); and
- WHEREAS, for 30 years, Mr. Sugiyama's work as executive director for CCA helped to create and foster spaces where disadvantaged adults and youth in King and Snohomish counties can go for free education, employment, and career training; and
- WHEREAS, Al started with one small office and two staff members and by 2009, he expanded to five offices with locations in Kent and Everett, 24 programs, and 43 staff members; and
- WHEREAS, more than 26,000 King and Snohomish county residents have been served; and
- WHEREAS, in 1989, Al was the first Asian American elected to the Seattle School Board; and
- WHEREAS, notable among Al's many accomplishments is his work to successfully turn high-risk youth onto high-demand occupations. He has done so by exploring new paths of innovation in order to provide youth offenders, many of them chemically dependent, with employment and training alternatives to traditional punitive measures; and
- WHEREAS, Al wins the 2009 Outstanding Community Partner Award presented by Goodwill at Benaroya Hall in June 2009. Also under Al's leadership, CCA wins a prestigious national award for cultural competence in workforce development from the Annie E. Casey Foundation; and
- WHEREAS, Al is regionally and nationally respected for his integrity, courage, and tireless commitment to our youth and our community;

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Seattle City Council that October 28, 2010, is

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